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PRIOR APPLICATION:

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Group Art Unit: 2873

CONTINUATION-IN-PART PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

- 1. This application is a [] Continuation [] Divisional [X] Continuation-in-Part patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 10/360,642, filed on February 10, 2003, of:
 - Inventors:

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Hiroshi OKAMOTO

A LASER LIGHT SOURCE AND AN OPTICAL SYSTEM FOR SHAPING For: LIGHT FROM A LASER-BAR-STACK

2. The papers enclosed are as follows:

54	Pages of Specification including:	
	0	Title Page
	45	Page(s) of Description
	8	Page(s) of Claim(s)
	1	Page of Abstract
16	Sheets	of drawings containing 39 Figures

3.	Amen	dments A preliminary amendment is enclosed. Please enter this preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee.			
	[]	Relate Back: The Preliminary Amendment identified above amends the specification to include cross-references to prior related applications.			
4.	Oath	Oath or Declaration			
	[]	A newly executed (original or copy) oath or declaration is enclosed.			
	[]	A copy of an oath or declaration from a prior application is enclosed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.			

- [X] Not Enclosed. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.
- [] A signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is enclosed.
- 5. Priority foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. § 365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.
 - [X] Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filed
Japan	2001-244701	August 10, 2001

Certified copy(ies):

[] is/are attached.
[] will follow.

[X] was filed in prior U.S. Application No. 10/360,642

on February 10, 2003.

- 6. Priority Based on Domestic Applications
 - [X] Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120 of the following U.S. applicants is claimed:

Application No.	Filed
Prov. 60/318,323	September 12, 2001
10/215,192	August 9, 2002
10/360,342	February 10, 2003



7. Relate Back – 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

- [X] Please amend the specification by inserting after the second line the sentence: "This application claims priority of U.S. Application No. 10/215,192 filed August 9, 2002, and Provisional Application No. 60/318,323 filed September 12, 2001."
- 8. Assignment

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[]	A prior application is assigned of record to at Reel/Frame	, recorded
[]	The prior application is not assigned.	
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- [X] An assignment of the invention to <u>HAMAMATSU PHOTONICS K.K.</u> and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, will follow.
- 9. Small Entity Status
 - [] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is hereby asserted for the present application.
- 10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

	Number Filed	Number Extra		Basic Fee Utility \$770.00 Design \$385.00
			BASIC FEE	\$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	13 - 20 =	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	5 - 3 =	2	\$86.00	\$172.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d)) \$290.00			\$0.00	
			SUB-TOTAL =	\$942.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity			\$0.00	
		TO	TAL FILING FEE =	\$942.00

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- [X] Not Enclosed. NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for paying the filing fees.
- [] Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$942.00 for the application fee.
- 10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the registered practitioners of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP included in the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and all correspondence shall be addressed to that Customer Number.

Please address all correspondence to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP at Customer Number: 009629

- 12. [X] PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the prior application, application no. 10/360,642 filed on February 10, 2003, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the prior application and the present application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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13. [X] EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

14.	Additiona	l papers	enclose	d:
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Preliminary Amendment
Information Disclosure Statement
Form PTO-1449, references cited thereon not included
Declaration of Biological Deposit
Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining
thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.
Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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